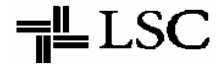


# Law Services News



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## NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO APPEAL

When appealing an eviction, the tenant is often required to file a deposit with the court, also known as an "undertaking," before the court will order a stay (delay) of the eviction. But even if a tenant does not deposit the amount being required, he still has a right to a hearing in the appeal. This premise was sustained in one of our recent Suffolk cases. A default judgment of eviction was entered against a tenant in a nonpayment proceeding based on her failure to appear. The Section 8 tenant contended she never received the petition and notice of petition summoning her to court, and so without representation, she filed a motion to vacate the default judgment. The court denied the tenant's motion because she failed to make the de-

posit as directed by the court. Following the decision, she sought the assistance of our Civil Unit which promptly appealed the judge's decision refusing to hear her case.

Our attorney made the argument that in a case involving proper service and jurisdiction, the right to a hearing cannot be conditioned on making a deposit into the court. The Appellate Term agreed with our position and remanded the case to the court below availing the client of her due process rights. The court ruled that a tenant may not be denied the right to be heard because of failure to make a payment into court. Another important victory for due process!

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*"Equal Justice Under Law"*

## RECERTS FOR MEDICAID AND FHP MADE EASIER

According to ADM, 08 OHIP/ADM-4, recipients of Medicaid and Family Health Plus (FHP) will now have an easier time with recertification. In the past, Medicaid and FHP recipients have been required to document income and residence if the address had changed since the last eligibility determination. Now, in GIS Message 01MA/02, districts were notified that unless a district had reason to believe that a recipient no longer resided at the address specified, receipt of a completed recertification is sufficient documentation of the current residence.

Community Medicaid recipients who are not seeking long-term care services, recipients who are exempt from a resource test, and all FHP recipients, will be allowed to attest at recertification or any time after the initial application, to the amount of their income and to their resi-

dence, even if their address has changed since their last eligibility determination. Also included in this change are individuals enrolled in the Medicare Savings Program, Family Planning Benefits Program, and Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program. However, those who have a spenddown will still need to submit proof of income.

Instead of requesting income documentation at the recertification, the Department of Social Services (DSS) must verify income information provided by the recipient by comparing it to the information they already have on file. Even if there is a discrepancy, unless it is sufficient to affect Medicaid eligibility, the recipient remains eligible.

The important thing to remember is that

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## Medicaid Recerts

these streamlined procedures only apply to Medicaid. Public assistance and food stamps recertifications still require documentation of income and residence. For a copy of 08 OHIP/ADM-4 please contact Cathy Lucidi at 631 232-2400 Ext. 3324.

## SNTs: IMPORTANT UPDATE

The Supplemental Needs Trust (SNT) is an important tool to maintain Medicaid eligibility without having to incur a spenddown. Pooled trusts, such as those administered through NYSARC, are one type of SNT and have become very popular. Recently, some changes have been initiated at NYSARC. As of June 1, 2008 there will be an increase in monthly fees. If the beneficiary's deposit exceeds \$700 a month, the trust will withhold a higher fee each month from the client's monthly deposit. Other clarifications in NYSARC policies and procedures effective April 1, 2008 include:

**Automatic Payment Options** - Once the beneficiary has been a trust participant for 3 months and has made 3 consecutive monthly payments, automatic payment for rent/mortgage/maintenance fees may be requested. An automatic payment application must be completed and is available at the NYSARC Trust Services office.

**Disbursement Limitations** - Every request for disbursement is individually reviewed. Approval is at the sole discretion of the Trustees. The primary consideration in all request reviews is to protect the beneficiary's government benefits.

**Beneficiary Entering a Nursing Home** - When NYSARC receives written notification that the beneficiary has entered a nursing home, all minimum balance requirements are lifted until the trust balance is zero.

**Clarification on Funeral Expenses** - No funds will be disbursed from the trust after the beneficiary's death to pay for funeral expenses. Only expenses prior to the date of death will be paid.

For a complete listing of the updates and changes: please go to the following links below:

<http://onlineresources.wnyc.net/healthcare/docs/NYSARC%20Info%20&%20Procedures%204-1-08.pdf>

## Medicaid Resource Levels Increase



Medicaid resources (assets) levels have gone up significantly effective April 1, 2008. The levels are now the same for each of the following groups of individuals:

- Under 21, ADC-related and FNP parents
- Singles/Childless Couples
- Low Income Families
- SSI-related
- Family Health Plus-with or without children
- Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities

The new Medicaid resource levels are as follows:

| Household Size | 2008 Resource Level |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1              | \$13,050            |
| 2              | \$19,200            |
| 3              | \$22,200            |
| 4              | \$25,050            |
| 5              | \$27,900            |
| 6              | \$30,750            |
| 7              | \$33,600            |
| 8              | \$36,600            |
| 9              | \$39,450            |
| 10             | \$42,400            |
| Each addit'l   | \$2,850             |

Social Security Disability recipients who are Disabled Adult Children (DACs) or "Pickle" eligibles (previous SSI/SSD recipients who lost SSI due to a COLA increase) must continue to have resources at or below the SSI resource levels (\$2,000) in order to be eligible for Medicaid without a one-time resource spenddown.

## Poverty Truths and the “Poor Losers”

*Some statistics that grabbed our attention:*

- 51% of the uninsured in the U.S. are \$2000 or more in medical debt. 16% owe at least \$10,000 [Gaps in Health Insurance: An All-American Problem](#), *The Commonwealth Fund*.
- 2 in 5 elderly live on less than \$18,000 a year, including Social Security benefits. *Penn State University*, [Poverty in America: One Nation, Pulling Apart](#).
- 600,000 high school students dropped out in 2004. If each had stayed in school for just one more year the nation would have saved \$41.8 billion in lifetime health care costs *Muennig, Peter*. [Health Returns to Education Interventions](#), *Columbia University*. *Fall 2005 symposium on the social costs of inadequate education*.
- Since 1983, college tuition has risen 115%. The maximum Pell Grant for low and moderate income students has risen only 19%. *The College Board*, [Trends in Student Aid 2003](#).
- 63% of federal housing subsidies go to households earning more than \$77,000. 18% to households earning less than \$16,500. *Cushing N. Dolbeare and Sheila Crowley*, ["Changing Priorities: The Federal Budget and Housing Assistance, 1976-2007"](#), August 2002.
- Since 1976 the federal budget has doubled, while HUD's budget has declined by 65% *Cushing N. Dolbeare and Sheila Crowley*, ["Changing Priorities: The Federal Budget and Housing Assistance, 1976-2007"](#) August 2002; *National Low Income Housing Coalition Tabulations of FY 2007 Budget*.

*(statistics from July/August, 2006 issue of Mother Jones Magazine)*

## Rise in Households Receiving Energy Assistance



The National Energy Assistance Director's Association representing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), announced that the number of households receiving LIHEAP funds this year is the highest in 16 years. An estimated 5.8 million households received energy assistance in 2008, an increase of 3.8 percent compared to 2007. New York alone saw a 4.9 percent increase with a total of 895,000 household receiving energy assistance.

## EJC Files Lawsuit Regarding Child Care Requirement

The Empire Justice Center has filed a lawsuit in Nassau County Supreme Court challenging the legality of the child support requirement for child care. The case is scheduled for argument on July 17th. In the meantime, the Court has directed Nassau County to determine the eligibility of the plaintiff for child care services without regard to whether she has obtained a child support order. Currently the Empire Justice Center is looking for other affected plaintiffs to intervene in the lawsuit. If you know someone who has been denied child care assistance because they did not obtain or enforce a support order, please contact the local Empire Justice Center at 631 650-2305.



## ADVOCATES LEARN IMPORTANT ADA RIGHTS

On May 15, 2008, Law Services' Protection and Advocacy Project \* was joined by the National Center for Law and Economic Justice\*\* in presenting an important seminar entitled *The Americans with Disabilities Act and Public Benefits*. Participants learned of the important rights that can be asserted under the ADA.



The ADA protects individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Many people who are not receiving SSI or SSD benefits have rights under the ADA.

Many applicants for and recipients of public benefits such as cash assistance, Medicaid, and Food Stamps have physical, mental, or learning disabilities that make it difficult for clients to navigate the public benefits system to obtain and maintain their benefits. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which applies to the services, programs, and activities of State and local governments, including local Departments of Social Services (DSS), is a powerful and effective tool for advocates, case managers, and others to use on behalf of their clients with disabilities.

The ADA requires local DSS and other state and local government agencies to make reasonable accommodations in policies and practices when necessary to avoid discrimination. Examples of reasonable accommodations are help with filling out an application for benefits and gathering documents required to apply for benefits, more time to gather documents, someone to read notices and other important materials to the client, additional explanations of program rules, home visits, additional reminders of appointments, flexible appointment scheduling, and many other things. In cash assistance programs, clients with disabilities may be entitled to a wide range of accommodations in work activities, including part-time activities, job

coaches, equipment, flexible schedules, placement in activities that do not count towards required work participation rates, and, if a client cannot engage in work activities even with other types of accommodations, an exemption from work activities. OTDA, New York State's welfare agency, has issued a policy on the application of the ADA to OTDA programs, *Providing Access to Temporary Assistance Programs for Persons with Disabilities and/or Limited English Proficiency*, 06 ADM 05.

To get accommodations for clients, advocates and service providers were told that they should request a specific accommodation in writing. The written request should say what type of impairment diagnosis the client has, how the condition limits functioning, and how it prevents or makes it difficult for the client to comply with a program requirement (such as attending appointments or engaging in work activities). If possible, current medical documentation for the client describing the client's condition, its severity, and resulting functional limitations should be attached to the request. If the request is denied or ignored, an ADA grievance can be filed with the DSS ADA contact person. Lawsuits and administrative complaints with federal agencies (HHS and USDA) can also be filed. If the client's case is closed or benefits are sanctioned for failure to comply with a program rule, after accommodations were not appropriately provided, advocates can also make ADA arguments at fair hearings. For more information or staff training, contact Robert Briglio Nassau Suffolk Law Services 631 232-2400 x 3369, or Cary LaCheen at National Center for Law and Economics 212-633-6967 [www.nclej.org](http://www.nclej.org).

Cary LaCheen, Esq., NCLEJ

\*The Protection and Advocacy Project is funded by the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

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## Law Services Honors its Family of Volunteers



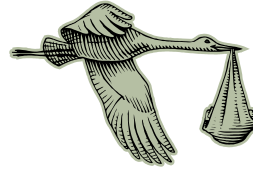
On May 31, 2008, Nassau Suffolk Law Services hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at our Hempstead office to honor the commitment of several individuals who generously donate their time to assist our staff in serving low income clients. Their contributions to the office range from screening phone calls and providing clerical support to drafting pleadings and representing clients. We are truly grateful for their valuable assistance and look forward to their continued association with our Hempstead office.

***"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead***



Pictured from left to right: Frank Quiroga, Rudolph deWinter, Herb Harris, Marvin Rosenberg, Shirley Cooke, Arnold Blumenthal, Bob Bressler, Joseph Guardino. Not present: Leah Belfort and Carole Burns

Nassau Suffolk Law Services joined other community agencies in providing services and distributing information to many homeless individuals gathered at the **Stand Up for the Homeless** event on June 27, 2008 at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church. Over 500 people attended along with hundreds of volunteers. This impressive outreach effort was spearheaded by the Suffolk Department of Social Services and the County Executive's Office. Participants were provided with services such as haircuts, food, dental and blood pressure screening, and information about various benefits.



## Newest Members of Nassau Suffolk Law Services' Family



Congratulations to **Meridith Lafler**, Staff Attorney in the Domestic Violence In-Court Project and her husband, Devon on the birth of their twin sons David and Cole born on October 23, 2007. David weighed 6 lbs, 4 oz. and was 19 inches. Cole weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz. and was 18 inches.



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## NOTABLE FAIR HEARING DECISIONS

### ADVANTAGES OF EAA

When a low income household falls into arrears on their rent, there are several programs available at the Department of Social Services to assist with a payment to forestall eviction. With a grant of Emergency Aid to Families (EAF) or Emergency Safety Net (ESN), the “advance” on the rent must be repaid to DSS. If the recipient of the emergency funds is currently receiving cash public assistance, the monies will be recouped (garnished) usually at the rate of 10%, to repay the agency for the assistance of rent arrears. However, Emergency Assistance to Adults (EAA) which is available to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients, **is not repayable**. Inquiry into your client’s source of income can make a big difference in determining whether a DSS grant must be repaid.

Recently one of our disabled clients who is in receipt of SSI/ SSD and the payee for her children’s public assistance, applied to DSS for rent arrears. She received the \$507 grant under EAF, and soon received a notice advising her that her ongoing grant of public assistance for the children would be recouped to pay back the advance. She requested a fair hearing believing that the grant should not have to be repaid.

Law Services attorney, Frank Gulas, staff attorney of the David Project, represented her at the fair hearing contending that DSS should have evaluated the household’s eligibility to receive arrears assistance under EAA, not EAF. Since DSS was on notice of her SSI income, it should have evaluated her eligibility for the non repayable EAA grant. In the *Matter of T.M.*, the Administrative Law Judge for the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OTDA agreed stating that the “Appellant is not a recipient of Family Assistance ...but rather is a payee of a grant of Family Assistance on behalf of her two children. The Appellant is a recipient of SSI and SSD income. Therefore she should have been evaluated for the payment of rent arrears pursuant to EAA.” As a result, our client did not have to repay the grant of rent arrears, thus preventing further hardship for the family.

### DSS MUST GRANT EXTENSION

Public Assistance, Medicaid, and Food Stamps applications can be quite daunting in terms of the paperwork demanded by DSS to document eligibility. A request for “Collateral Assistance” under 18 NYCRR 351.5 essentially requires a DSS worker to facilitate the gathering of documentation when an applicant or recipient of assistance is having difficulty obtaining the verification being requested. If an applicant believes he can secure the documentation on his own with additional time, he also has the right to request an extension of time. 18 NYCRR 351.8(b)

In the *Matter of G.J.* our client applied for benefits on November 19, 2007, had an eligibility interview on December 4, 2007 and was given a documentation requirement list due back by December 14, 2007. When all the documentation was not returned by the deadline, DSS issued a denial on December 20, 2007. The client requested a fair hearing and appeared with her attorney from Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

At the hearing the appellant appeared with the rest of the required documentation and testified that she had had difficulty obtaining all the paperwork in the short time allowed. She stated that she tried diligently to obtain the documents but when she knew she could not obtain them all in time, she called her worker, left messages requesting more time, but never got a response. Although she did not request the extension in writing, the Administrative Law Judge believed her testimony to be credible and directed DSS to continue to process the application and afford the applicant the opportunity to submit any other necessary documents. Herb Harris, attorney of the Nassau Welfare Unit represented the client.

Problems with public assistance eligibility documentation are common. Remember that it may be appropriate for your client to request collateral assistance or extensions of time **IN WRITING** in order to improve the chances of application approval.

Dear Ms. Jones  
My name is Jane Doe.  
I am writing to  
request collateral  
assistance in order to  
obtain the documents  
you need from my  
employer.



## Things You Should Know . . .



The Department of Social Services has a program called **Grants of Assistance for Guide Dogs**, which can pay for maintenance costs for dogs that assist SSI recipients who are blind, hearing impaired, or disabled, provided the dogs have received guide dog training. The toll free number for more information is 1 800 343-8859, ext. 49344.



Effective June 1, 2008, the **earned income disregard** for public assistance recipients in the TANF category has increased to 50%.



Effective April 1, 2008, there will **no longer be drug and alcohol requirements for Medicaid eligibility, recertifications and undercare processing**. Drug and alcohol screening, assessments, mandated drug and alcohol treatment, and monitoring of compliance with such treatment and are no longer a condition of Medicaid eligibility. This means no applicant or recipient should be denied or have their Medicaid terminated due to previous drug/alcohol requirements, or any continuing drug and alcohol requirements. However, there are still drug and alcohol requirements for Temporary Assistance purposes.



People susceptible to heat-related illnesses who lack air conditioning may be able to obtain an **air conditioner** this summer through New York State's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). A limited amount of federal HEAP funds have been made available for the purchase and installation of energy efficient air conditioners to eligible individuals during the summer of 2008. Apply at local DSS.

In order to qualify, households must: lack an air conditioner; meet HEAP income guidelines; and have a physician's written statement verifying that an air conditioner is medically necessary for someone in the household.



For more information, see the Governor's press release: [http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/press\\_0529081\\_print.html](http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/press_0529081_print.html)

Air conditioners are also available through the Medicaid program pursuant to prior approval guidelines. The person must provide medical documentation that "control of room temperature and humidity is required as a part of the comprehensive treatment plan and failure to provide this element of care presents a severe risk to life or substantially exacerbates a disability."

Reminder: Households with air conditioning should notify their DSS worker and request a Level 1 Standard Utility Allowance on their food stamps budget which is a distinct budgeting advantage.



The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently entered into a settlement agreement in a national class action, *Kaplan, et al. v. Chertoff, et al.*. The lawsuit, was brought on behalf of all disabled and elderly **refugees and asylees** who have been cut off or will be cut off of **SSI** after seven years. Federal law only allows these immigrants to receive SSI benefits for a maximum of seven years. (U.S. citizens can receive SSI without any time limit). Unfortunately, it is taking longer than seven years for these immigrants to become U.S. citizens due to processing delays.

As a result of this settlement, immigrants who are receiving SSI, or who have already lost their SSI because of the seven-year limit, may request that their immigration benefit applications be "expedited." In other words, they can ask that their applications be moved to the front of the line. If you know a non-citizen who has lost eligibility for SSI benefits based on a statutory seven-year limit, and they have filed an I-485 or N-400 application with USCIS, they should request expedited processing of the pending citizenship application at any time.

Further questions can be directed to the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.



## Volunteer Attorneys Recognized for Their Work

*By Rhoda Selvin*



### Nassau Recipient

Pursuing three *pro bono* divorce cases at once may be above and beyond the call of duty, but it does not phase **Lawrence O. Ogbutor**, the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for April 2008. Ogbutor has served the indigent citizens of Long Island through the Volunteer Lawyers Project since 1999, when he was admitted to the New York State Bar. He had previously been a practicing attorney in his native Nigeria for seven years. His concern for the poor in need of legal representation was manifest early in his American legal career.

Ogbutor has served VLP both as a volunteer in the Landlord/Tenant Attorney of the Day Project and, more recently, as a divorce lawyer. Although one of the three VLP matrimonial cases he is working on seems straightforward, the other two are complicated. Ogbutor's client, who is confined to a wheelchair, has been living with relatives for three years. In all that time he has been unable to see his children or get his belongings from the marital home, because his wife has an order of protection. Among the many issues Ogbutor is dealing with are a settlement pertaining to the marital home and, even before that, visitation and access to the home to get the client's belongings.

Ogbutor received his Bachelor of Laws in 1981 from the University of Nigeria and the Barrister of Law degree from the Nigerian Law School, Lagos, in 1982. He was a social worker here while he took some review courses to prepare for the New York State bar examination. Once admitted, he opened both his own general practice in Freeport and worked for the firm of Asonye & Asonye, LLP. Ogbutor is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, belongs to several local organizations, and is especially active with other Nigerian immigrants supporting projects in his community.

## Pro Bono Recognition Night

Law Services' Pro Bono Project in conjunction with the Suffolk County Bar Association, sponsored its annual Pro Bono Recognition Night on April 10, 2008 at the Marriot Windwatch in Hauppauge, N.Y. The event was attended by hundreds of supporters, including members of the local bar and the judiciary, honoring the pro bono efforts of attorneys who contributed selflessly of their valuable time and skill. In a brief ceremony, several attorneys whose commitments were especially noteworthy, were presented with awards for their work on compelling cases. Their stories illustrated the importance of "doing the public good" and serving the community in this meaningful, exemplary capacity. The event also presents the opportunity to pay tribute to the Law Services' Pro Bono Project and its efforts to recruit attorneys and coordinate the representation of disadvantaged clients who cannot otherwise be served by Law Services' funded programs. We were proud to honor: **Robin S. Abramowitz, Joanne Allar, Berger & Brandow, LLP, Jeanmarie P. Costello, Barbara Jane Kelly, Richard I. Levine, Joseph Mauro, Joseph C. Tonetti, and Craig Purcell.**

The event was further honored by the attendance of Chief Judge of the State of New York, Judith Kaye. Judge Kaye praised the important work of the pro bono attorneys being honored and took the opportunity to announce that NYS Office of Court Administration funding was being awarded to Law Services for a new coordinator to expand the Pro Bono Project outreach and recruitment efforts in Suffolk County.







Peter Levy, a member of the NSLS Board of Directors, was recently sworn in as President of the Nassau Co. Bar Association. We are proud of our association with Mr. Levy and congratulate him on his recent appointment.



Law Services' Advisory Council provides vital financial support and leadership in the firm's fundraising initiatives. At the Council's annual meeting in June, the new officers were installed. From left to right, Laurie Bloom, chair (Dir. Marketing & Communications, Rivkin Radler), Barbara Mehrmann, Secretary (Dean emeritus, Touro Law School), Victoria Roberts, Vice President (Law Office of Fred Brewington). Also Sue West (National Grid) was gratefully acknowledged for her past service as V.P. of the Council. Congratulations and thank you!



Photo courtesy of The Village Times Herald

**Denise Snow**, staff attorney in our PLAN Project recently addressed students and physicians at Stony Brook University on "The Uninsured: Perspectives from the Frontline". Along with other panelists, Denise (seated third from the left) described some of her recent advocacy experiences on behalf of clients battling cancer. She was joined by one of her clients who shared her compelling story of being an uninsured cancer patient.

## Goodbyes and Welcomes!

**Judith Kaslow**, a staff attorney in our Welfare Unit in Hempstead, has left Law Services to become an Administrative Law Judge with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance as of June 16, 2008. Judy began her career at Law Services in 1989 as a paralegal in our Child Support Unit and then later worked in our David Project where she represented clients in administrative hearings for public assistance, Medicaid, Social Security and Section 8 benefits. In 1997, Judy left Law Services to attend N.Y.U. Law School and then returned to Law Services and worked in the program's Domestic Violence Unit for two years before transferring to the Welfare Unit in 2002.

For the past six years, Judy has been a tireless advocate in our Welfare Unit. Those clients who were fortunate enough to have Judy as their attorney appreciated the thoroughness, thoughtfulness and passion she brought to her work. She was admired by her clients and colleagues alike for her



The Nassau Welfare Unit: from left to right, Herb Harris, Judy Kaslow, Douglas Ruff, Paula Velasquez, Regan Serlin, Robin Sparks.

smart and compassionate advocacy. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

**Kristen Drumm**, a staff attorney in the Welfare Unit in Hempstead for the past year and a half, left Law Services in March 2008 and has accepted a position as a staff attorney in the Bronx office of Legal Services for New York City. She will be representing clients in landlord tenant matters.

**Damien Benache** has left Law Services after 2 years of service in our Civil Unit and David Projects. He will continue to do civil legal services work at The New York Legal Assistance Group, representing indigent tenants in housing court in Brooklyn.

**Regan Serlin**, has been hired as a law graduate in the Welfare Unit in Hempstead. Regan is a recent graduate of New York Law School and is awaiting admission. Welcome!



## Law Services, Summer 2008 Training Schedule



*We will be conducting trainings at our Suffolk site: 1757 Veterans Hwy, Suite 50, Islandia and our Nassau site: 1 Helen Keller Way, 4th Floor, Hempstead, NY, please visit our website for directions at [www.nslawservices.org](http://www.nslawservices.org) see contact info. To pre-register, please call the Training Line at 631 232-2400 Ext 3357 or you may e-mail Cathy Lucidi at [clucidi@wnylc.com](mailto:clucidi@wnylc.com). The fee is \$30 per person per training session and is payable to "Nassau Suffolk Law Services". To confirm your phone reservation or e-mail reservation please mail your payment in advance of the training date with the registration form below. Space is limited so register early.*

**Crisis Intervention**— How to address an emergency issue. Assessing the facts, the problem, and the solution. The presentation will also include advocacy tips on how to strategize in an emergency situation and maximize the chances for success when seeking assistance from the Department of Social Services, LIPA, charities, etc. Thursday August 7, 2008 9:30-12:00 \$30 Fee **Islandia office**.

**Social Security Overview**— The seminar will review the essential elements of a Social Security application, appeal, and continuing eligibility. Included will be an overview of the disability criteria, financial eligibility where applicable, and how to maintain eligibility. The role of the non-attorney advocate in the process will be emphasized. Thursday August 28 9:30-12:30 Islandia \$30 fee. **Islandia office**.

**Child Support**— Our staff will review the standards and procedure in a child support case explaining how a proceeding is commenced, how much a custodial parent can expect to be awarded (and collect!), what to do to enforce an order, etc. Also, we will discuss the law from the non-custodial parent's perspective, especially in circumstances where collection of support creates exceptional hardship. Tuesday September 9, 2008 Fee \$30 **Hempstead office**. 10:00-12:00

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